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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR U.S. NAVAL VISIT

1. DOD ADVISES THAT CARRIER TASK GROUP 77.5 (ORISKANY PLUS FOUR DESTROYER TYPE SHIPS) HAS REPLACED THE HANCOCK TASK GROUP IN THE ARABIAN SEA AS OF 8 DECEMBER. CURRENT PLANS IF EMBASSIES CONCUR AND GOVERNMENTS GRANT PERMISSION ARE TO SEND TASK GROUP 77.5 WITH APPROPRIATE SUPPORT SHIPS TO MOMBASA AND PORT VICTORIA ABOUT 22 DECEMBER FOR PORT

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VISITS OVER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. FOLLOWING THE VISITS, THE

SHIPS WOULD RETURN TO HOLDING POSITION IN THE NORTHERN ARABIAN SEA.

2. FOR LONDON: REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK HMG CLEARANCE FOR USS ENGLAND (DLG-22) WITH COMMANDER DESTROYER SQUADRON THIRTY-ONE, CAPTAIN T. I. KOLSTAB, USN, EMBARKED, AND USS H. E. HOLT (DE-1074) TO VISIT PORT VICTORIA, SEYCHELLES ISLANDS, ON DECEMBER 22 FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE DAYS. THERE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 300 MEN ABOARD EACH SHIP.

3. FOR NAIROBI: REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK GOK CLEARANCE FOR USS ORISKANY (CVA-34) WITH COMMANDER CARRIER GROUP FIVE, RADM W. R. MCCLENDON, USN, EMBARKED, USS BUCHANAN (DDG-14), USS R. E. PEARY (DE-1073), AND USS WICHITA (AOR-1) TO VISIT MOMBASA ON DECEMBER 22 FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE DAYS. THERE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 3,500 MEN ABOARD ORISKANY AND 300

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